

the Sam Campbell Special



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"Long time -- no Sam Campbell Special!" writes one of our friends. "Keep 'em coming. How do you expect us to get through the winter?" All right, here is number six!

SOMETHING EXTRA SPECIAL--

The day for the annual reunion luncheon of the Campbellites is getting close.

At 1:00 PM, Saturday, November 10, 1951, said luncheon will be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Lake Shore Club, 257 E. Chestnut St., Chicago. The Lake Shore Club is at 850 Lake Shore Drive, but the Chestnut Street entrance will be used as it goes directly into the Ballroom.

The cost per plate will be \$3.75, which includes gratuities. Doors open at 12:00 noon for pre-luncheon gabfest.

Notices, with reservation cards, are being sent to all who have been on any of the tours. Guests are welcome up to the capacity of the Ballroom.

From the way folks are talking, it looks like everyone is coming! Bring along tour albums, pictures, special souvenirs -- anything that will help us remember the wonderful experiences we have had. There will be good fun, good food, old friends, new friends, and strangers to become friends. There will be slides and motion pictures.

RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE IN ADVANCE

TOOT! TOOT!

Things have sure been happening among the Campbellites. So many people have been going so many places and coming back again that we wouldn't have room for a tenth part of the news here.

Seems like our gang rates right high in photography. Results on the Alaskan Cruise have been wonderful. Recently Dr. Paul (Indianapolis) shared some of his slides with a group of twenty or more, including some from Chicago who went down for the event. Enthusiasm reached the high heavens. It is the concensus that the doctor has a marvelous collection. We will always remember him on the Alaskan jaunt, cameras hanging all over him. In true western style he shot from the hip, hit what he aimed at, and hit it right.

Elizabeth and Veronica Camutz have been showing their movies in regular programs at their church. They have a fine collection of films, gathered through their Campbellite journeys, and other trips.

Beautiful Ginger Currey writes a thrilling letter from Germany, where she is serving with our military forces. With that enthusiasm for which she is loved she tells of the interesting and beautiful things she is seeing. Bortsegaden, Heidelberg, Zugspitze, Wattsman, Paris, Versailles, are a few of the names which creep into her letter. She misses the Campbellites, though. If any of you want to drop her a line, the address is Miss Virginia Currey, S-3 Section, Headquarters, Giessen Military Sub-Post, APO 169, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

Annie May Albright, Florence and Frank Sherman, and Dorothy and Chuck Van Huben went up to the Northernaire Hotel, Three Lakes, Wisconsin, to see the autumn color. This is an annual pilgrimage for them, for once you have seen the northwoods at this supreme season you don't want to miss it for a single year. Giny and Sam Campbell joined up with the party part of the time.

On October 6 Eddie and Hannah Nelson celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary with a big dinner party at The Pantry, in Park Ridge, Illinois. You remember the Nelson's -- especially Eddie with his funny hats pointed variously about the compass. A swell pair. Eddie, on that Golden Anniversary how about having all the Campbellites? Should be about 5,000 of us by that time.

Brother Olaf Nelson had grand success with his Stereo-Realist camera on the Alaskan trip. Can we see some of those pictures at the reunion, Olaf?

Bea Treutel, atom energy itself, ran a lecture to raise funds for a humane society in her home town of Eagle River, Wisconsin. She had such a big crowd that folks were standing about the walls in the lecture hall. More money was raised than was needed. Who was the lecturer? Sam Campbell. What did he talk on? Why, the Alaskan Cruise -- what else?

Dorothy Hopp has moved from Anchorage to Fairbanks, which is like moving from an ice box into a deep freeze. Incidentally, sister Jessie Hopp had some bad luck with her Alaskan photography. She set her camera for a time exposure at Ben-My-Chree, then forgot to change it again. All the way back across those gorgeous mountains she was taking what she thought were snapshots -- and they turned out as blurred as world politics.

HELP! HELP!

Florence Henning -- please tell Sam and Giny your married name. They have misplaced your letter and don't know how to reach you.

Adeline Sauter! -- paging Adeline Sauter! Where are you Adeline? We know the places you left but not where you went. You are harder to find than you were at Boulder Dam. Please call the hotel operator, or write to Giny and Sam, or to somebody -- we don't know how to reach you and we don't like it.

THAT '52 TOUR

If you want to know what goes into making up a Sam Campbell Special Train Tour you should sit in with the Dicksons and Campbells during these days. Railroad, bus, steamship, timing to be coordinated, meals to be planned, baggage to be handled, entertainment to be arranged, and to get through the adventure with the mostest in the leastest time -- that is the picture. Letters, telegrams, long distant calls, conferences go on in unending persistency.

Things have worked out wonderfully and the tour designers are all smiles and enthusiasm. The general plan has been to make the '52 Tour as restful as possible and to stay extra time at those areas where the scenery justifies it. Hence, there will be two days at Grand Canyon, and two days at Bryce, where most travelers stay only one day or part of a day. For the same reason, the party will stay most of three days at the Many-Glacier Hotel, in Glacier National Park, a land of marvels.

Someway, somehow, through somebody, an error crept into our previous bulletin. Errors are creeping things, but we learn in Holy Writ that we have dominion over them. It was said that the party arrives in Chicago Sunday, July 12, at 1:30 PM. It is Sunday, July 13, that we get back.

Itineraries of the "1952 Western Wonderland Tour" are now being printed. Former tour guests will receive them before they are given to the public in general, for while we love new friends, we like to show a little partiality to old ones.

Here are the highlights in brief: we visit Zion, Grand and Bryce Canyons, Sun Valley, Portland, overnight ocean trip to Victoria, B. C., then Glacier National Park. Word has been received from that grand fellow Pat Rogers, manager of Sun Valley and the Utah Parks, that he is already getting ready for us. All who went to Sun Valley on our '49 Tour will remember his wonderful hospitality.

Many have said there was more fun packed into that day than they have ever known in one day in their lives. The beauty of the Sun Valley Lodge itself, the fine dining room and wonderful luncheon, the skating and swimming, the trip up the ski lifts, the barbecue dinner in the mountains, the entertainment, dancing, and good fellowship -- it was an experience to be remembered.

Sam and Giny are especially gratified by the number of Campbellites who made the '49 tour who plan to go again. They are firm believers in repeat trips to these scenic masterpieces, finding that they get more out of a second or third visit than out of the first one. Of course, there are new things on the '52 Tour, such as the Victoria Trip, and Glacier National Park, and there are two days more in the coming tour. But Grand, Bryce and Grand Canyons cannot be fully comprehended in one visit.

A MESSAGE FROM SAM CAMPBELL

"Giny and I are having a grand time with plans, now. During these first long autumn evenings we love to sit before our grate fire and scheme out our future. We have enough plans to last for eternity, and they include everything from baking a new kind of cake to a trip to the moon.

"Some of our plans materialize, some do not. But what does that matter? Plans are fun in themselves, they are mental adventures -- enjoyable for what they are.

"Let's not deny ourselves the joy of planning, merely through fear. Let's sprinkle the future full of seeds of ideas. Some of them are sure to take root. And in the meantime we have the joy of anticipation, stimulating our minds with activity that keeps us alive with interest and vivacity. The faculty of planning is closely akin to that of memory, and both enrich that mental realm in which 'we live and move and have our being.'"

Sam Campbell

(Sam will always remember the youngster who came to him after he had given a program before a grade school, and enthused: "Oh, Mr. Campbell, if we never had another program at our school all year, yours would be the best.")

Thought of-the-month

"Hill and valley, seas and constellations, are but stereotypes of divine ideas appealing to and answered by the living soul of man."

Chapin

FLASH! -- arrangements have just been completed to have the Chicago and North Western Choral Club sing for us at the reunion luncheon November 10!